

### **Investment Performance Review**

**Capital Markets Review** 

As of 9/30/2017

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# **Market Commentary**

### **Continued GDP Growth in Late Stage Economic Expansion**

- Real GDP grew at an annualized rate of 3.1% in Q2 (most recent available), slightly better than initially expected; the current economic expansion is in its 9th year, the 3rd longest expansion since the Civil War; Hurricanes Harvey and Irma will have a negative impact on Q3 GDP
- Core CPI, which strips out food and energy prices, remained unchanged at 1.7% in August; this is substantially below its 50-year average of 4.1%
- The unemployment rate dropped to 4.2% in September, with 2.9% wage growth; 33,000 jobs were lost, skewed by the impact of the hurricanes
- U.S. factory activity hit a 13-year high in September given strong gains in new orders and raw material prices
- Consumer spending, which makes up over two thirds of the U.S. economy, grew 3.3% in Q2 (most recent available), the fastest in a year

### The Fed's Balance Sheet Reduction is Coming

- The Fed plans to reduce its bond holdings at a measured pace over the course of several years; this follows the expansion of its balance sheet by 500% to \$4.2 trillion over the past decade as the Fed initiated quantitative easing to support the markets after the Financial Crisis of 2008
- The Fed has not raised rates since June 2017; the June rate hike was the fourth rate increase since December 2015
- 10- and 30-year Treasury bond yields increased modestly to 2.3% and 2.9% during the quarter
- Developed international and emerging markets fixed income returned 2.5% and 2.4%, respectively, in Q3
- High yield bonds reported strong returns at 1.8% for Q3; yield decreased modestly to 5.5% during the quarter

### The S&P 500 Continues to Climb Despite Political & Geopolitical Risks

- The U.S. stock market continued to rally with the S&P 500 gaining 4.5% in Q3 and 14.2% year-to-date
- The largest sector gains in the S&P 500 during Q3 were technology and energy, increasing 8.7% and 6.8%, respectively
- The consumer staples sector was the only sector to decline in Q3, down 1.4% for the period
- The forward P/E for the S&P 500 inched up for Q3 to 17.7x, versus a 25-year average of 16.0x
- Small cap stocks outperformed large caps in Q3, a reversal from Q2; growth outperformed value for the quarter
- The CBOE Volatility Index (VIX Index) remained low through Q3, potentially setting the market up for disappointment

### **Emerging Markets Remain in the Spotlight**

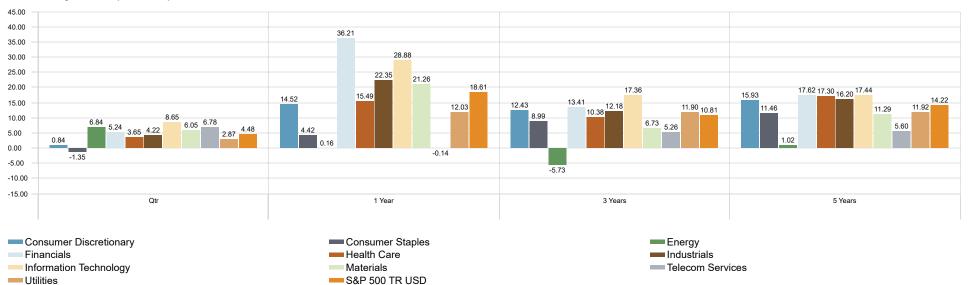
- The emerging markets (EM) sector continued to rally strong, gaining 8.0% in Q3 helped by Latin America (up 15.1%) and EM Asia (up 7.2%)
- China was the strongest market in Emerging Asia for Q3 increasing 14.7%; year-to-date returns were very strong at 43.2%
- Developed Europe (ex-UK) gained 7.0% for Q3; UK returns were lower at 5.2%
- In Developed Asia, Hong Kong and Japan gained 5.1% and 4.1%, respectively, during Q3

### The Commodity Index Improved Modestly in Q3

- The Bloomberg Commodity Index gained 2.3% during Q3, but remained the worst performing asset class for year-to-date
- U.S. crude oil prices jumped 12.3% in Q3, finishing at \$51.67 per barrel; despite the rebound, oil prices remained down 3.8% for year-to-date
- Gold prices increased 3.4% in Q3 finishing the quarter at \$1,284 per troy ounce
- REITs gained 0.6% in Q3 and 6.0% for year-to-date; net operating income growth for U.S. real estate was up 5.2% for Q2 (most recent available)

## U.S. Equity Markets

#### Returns by Sector (S&P 500)



#### Returns by Style (Russell Indices)

#### **Last Quarter**

	Value	Blend	Growth			
Large	3.58	4.88	6.10			
Mid	2.14	3.47	5.28			
Small	5.11	5.67	6.22			

#### Last 1 Year

	Value	Blend	Growth		
Large	15.95	19.84	23.39		
Mid	13.37	15.32	17.82		
Small	20.55	20.74	20.98		

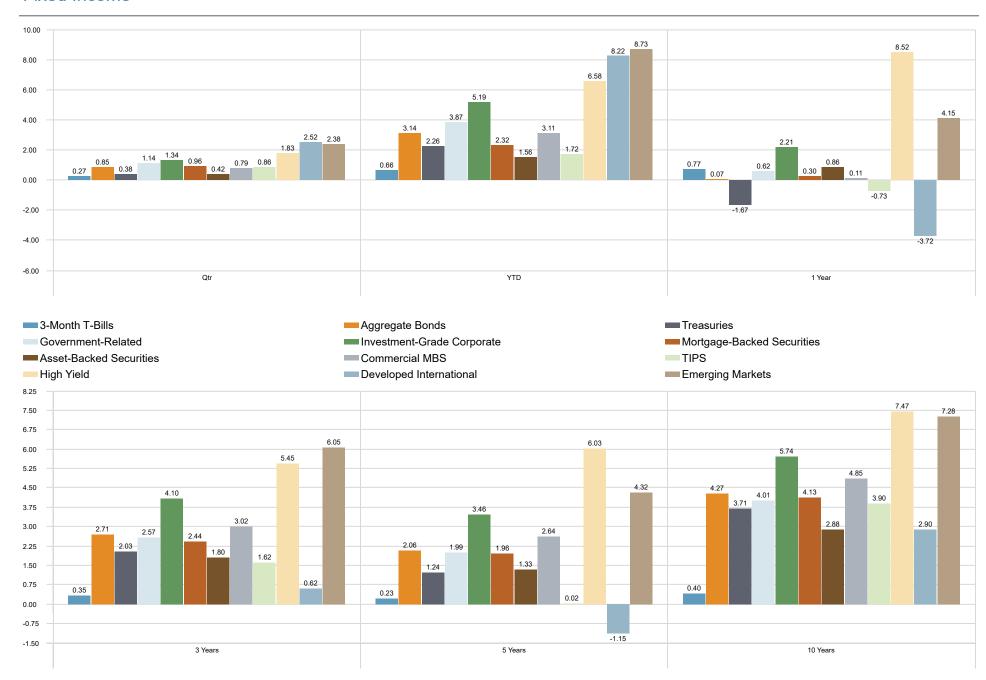
#### **Last 3 Years**

	Value	Blend	Growth			
Large 8.26		11.06	13.73			
Mid	9.19	9.54	9.96			
Small	12.12	12.18	12.17			

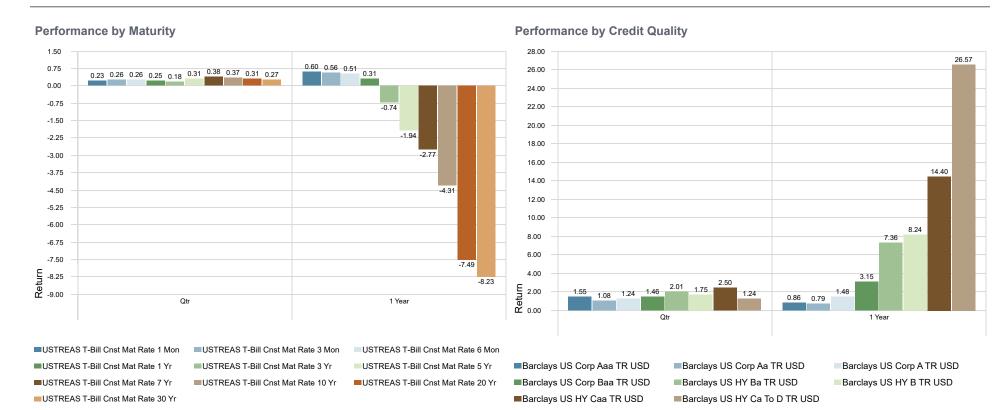
#### **Last 5 Years**

	Value	Blend	Growth		
Large	12.72	14.26	15.69		
Mid	14.33	14.26	14.18		
Small	13.27	13.79	14.28		

### **Fixed Income**



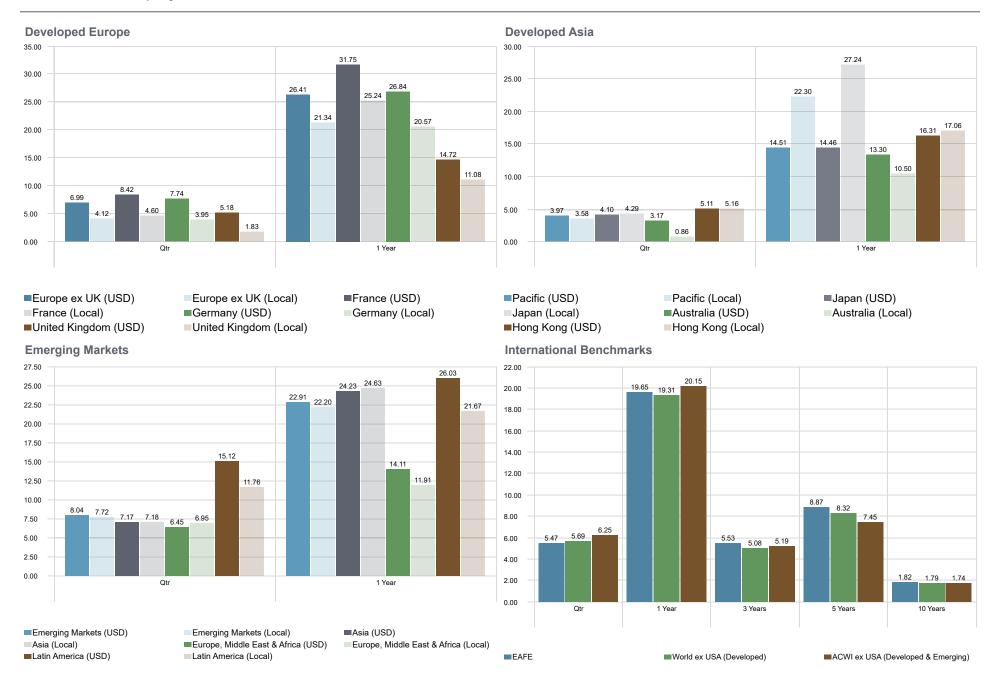
### **Fixed Income**



#### Estimated Cost of \$1 of Lifetime Retirement Income at Age 65 (Adjusted for Cost of Living)

	BlackRock CoRI Retirement 2006	BlackRock CoRI Retirement 2008	BlackRock CoRI Retirement 2010	BlackRock CoRI Retirement 2012	BlackRock CoRI Retirement 2014	BlackRock CoRI Retirement 2016	BlackRock CoRI Retirement 2018	BlackRock CoRI Retirement 2020	BlackRock CoRI Retirement 2022	BlackRock CoRI Retirement 2024
9/29/2017		\$ 15.34	\$ 16.63	\$ 17.90	\$ 19.17	\$ 20.40	\$ 21.38	\$ 20.03	\$ 18.78	\$ 17.64
6/30/2017		\$ 15.53	\$ 16.81	\$ 18.06	\$ 19.29	\$ 20.58	\$ 21.18	\$ 19.82	\$ 18.56	\$ 17.44
3/31/2017		\$ 15.45	\$ 16.68	\$ 17.90	\$ 19.09	\$ 20.27	\$ 20.51	\$ 19.09	\$ 17.73	\$ 16.55
12/30/2016		\$ 15.61	\$ 16.84	\$ 18.06	\$ 19.28	\$ 20.46	\$ 20.27	\$ 18.84	\$ 17.48	\$ 16.29
12/31/2015	\$ 14.68	\$ 15.88	\$ 17.07	\$ 18.23	\$ 19.37	\$ 20.71	\$ 19.41	\$ 18.01	\$ 16.66	\$ 15.40
9/30/2015	\$ 15.20	\$ 16.45	\$ 17.69	\$ 18.93	\$ 20.14	\$ 20.91	\$ 19.62	\$ 18.17	\$ 16.78	\$ 15.56
6/30/2015	\$ 15.07	\$ 16.28	\$ 17.47	\$ 18.63	\$ 19.82	\$ 20.17	\$ 18.83	\$ 17.36	\$ 16.04	\$ 14.88

### **International Equity Markets**



# Unpredictability of Asset Class Returns

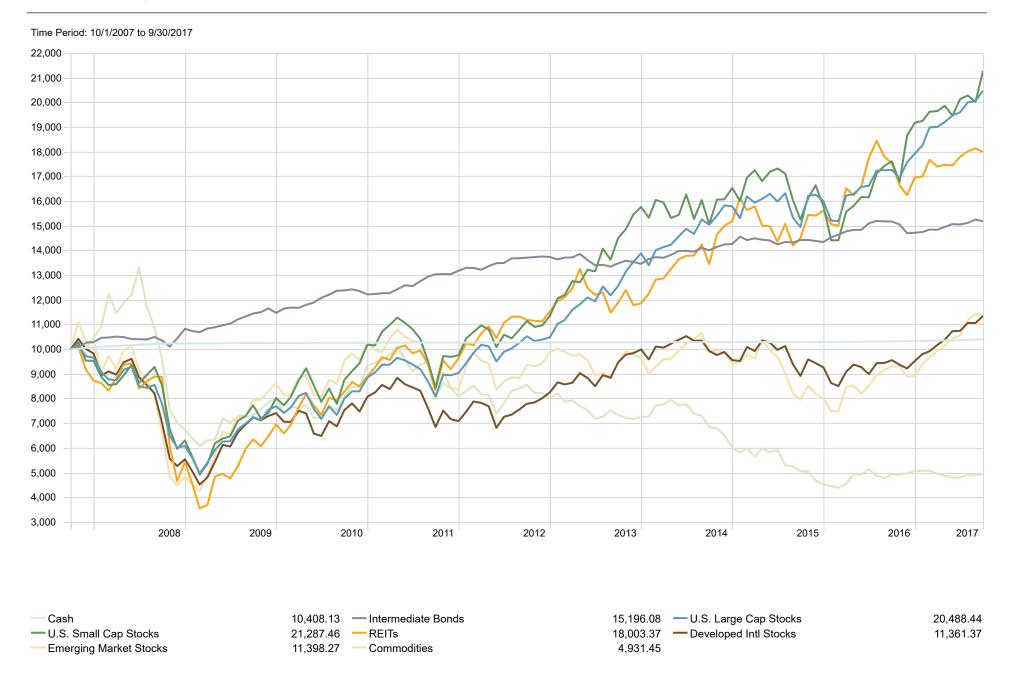
Best	Emerging Market Stocks 39.42	Intermediate Bonds 5.24	Emerging Market Stocks 78.51	REITs 27.95	REITs 8.28	REITs 19.70	U.S. Small Cap Stocks 38.82	REITs 28.03	REITs 2.83	U.S. Small Cap Stocks 21.31	Emerging Market Stocks 27.78
	Commodities 16.23	Cash 1.51	Developed Intl Stocks 33.67	U.S. Small Cap Stocks 26.85	Intermediate Bonds 7.84	Emerging Market Stocks 18.22	U.S. Large Cap Stocks 32.39	U.S. Large Cap Stocks 13.69	U.S. Large Cap Stocks 1.38	U.S. Large Cap Stocks 11.96	Developed Intl Stocks 19.17
	Developed Intl Stocks 12.44	U.S. Small Cap Stocks -33.79	REITs 27.99	Emerging Market Stocks 18.88	U.S. Large Cap Stocks 2.11	Developed Intl Stocks 16.41	Developed Intl Stocks 21.02	Intermediate Bonds 5.97	Intermediate Bonds 0.55	Commodities 11.77	U.S. Large Cap Stocks 14.24
	Intermediate Bonds 6.97	Commodities -35.65	U.S. Small Cap Stocks 27.17	Commodities 16.83	Cash 0.06	U.S. Small Cap Stocks 16.35	REITs 2.86	U.S. Small Cap Stocks 4.89	Cash 0.05	Emerging Market Stocks 11.19	U.S. Small Cap Stocks 10.94
	U.S. Large Cap Stocks 5.49	U.S. Large Cap Stocks -37.00	U.S. Large Cap Stocks 26.46	U.S. Large Cap Stocks 15.06	U.S. Small Cap Stocks -4.18	U.S. Large Cap Stocks 16.00	Cash 0.06	Cash 0.03	Developed Intl Stocks -3.04	REITs 8.63	REITs 6.04
	Cash 4.77	REITs -37.73	Commodities 18.91	Developed Intl Stocks 8.95	Developed Intl Stocks -12.21	Intermediate Bonds 4.21	Intermediate Bonds -2.02	Emerging Market Stocks -2.19	U.S. Small Cap Stocks -4.41	Developed Intl Stocks 2.75	Intermediate Bonds 3.14
	U.S. Small Cap Stocks -1.57	Developed Intl Stocks -43.56	Intermediate Bonds 5.93	Intermediate Bonds 6.54	Commodities -13.32	Cash 0.09	Emerging Market Stocks -2.60	Developed Intl Stocks -4.32	Emerging Market Stocks -14.92	Intermediate Bonds 2.65	Cash 0.66
Worst	REITs -15.69	Emerging Market Stocks -53.33	Cash 0.16	Cash 0.14	Emerging Market Stocks -18.42	Commodities -1.06	Commodities -9.52	Commodities -17.01	Commodities -24.66	Cash 0.34	Commodities -2.87
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	YTD





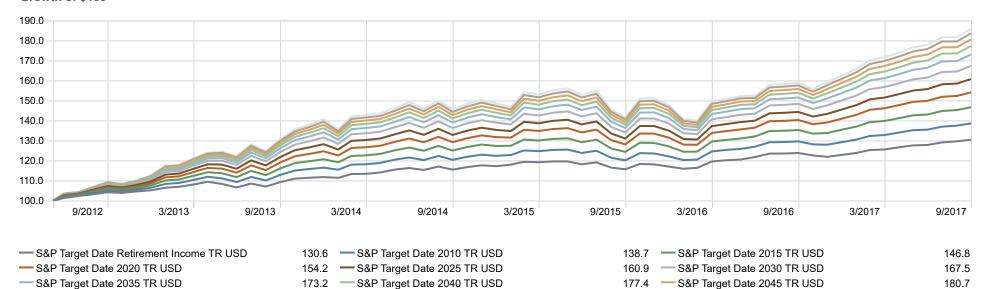


### Growth of \$10,000



### **Target Date Investments**





186.0

S&P Target Date 2055+ TR USD

183.8

#### **Maximum Drawdown**

- S&P Target Date 2050 TR USD

